Period	Name of the Drug
April, 1982 to March, 1983	1. Cisplatin
	2. Urokinaso for Injection
	3. Rosoxacin
	4. Measles, Mumps and Rubella Vaccine
April, 1983 to March, 1984	1. Carbidope with Levedopa tablets

Complaints about Electrical Oral Rehydration Salts

1661. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Electral, a package of oral rehydration salts, which is being marketed by the Fairdeal Corporation, does not conform to specifications of the World Health Origanisation;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for permitting it sale;

(c) whether some complaints have also been received from some State Drugs Controllers about its reactions; if so what are the details thereof;

(d) when was a sample of Electral tested and whether the test was carried out at the Central Drug Laboratory, Calcutta; if so, what were the findings thereof; and

(e) what are the names and addresses of other laboratories where such samples are tested?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (MISS KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI): (a) and b). The composition of Electral marketed by M/S Fairdeal Corporation Bombay and oral "Rehydration salts" recommended by the WHO in their Technical Report Series No. 685 of 1983 are different.

Under the Drugs and Cosmetic Act, the specifications of the W.H.O. do not have any statutory status. There is, therefore, no prohibition to Firms marketing preparation for oral rehydration therepy with a composition different from that of W.H.O.

(c) No Drug Controller has sent report of reactions due to use of Electral of M/s Fairdeal Corporation.

(d) The Central Drug Laboratory tested two samples of Electral in 1982 and found them to be of standard quality.

(e) Many State Governments have established their own drug testing laboratories where such samples are tested.

Problem of Drug Abuse in the Country

1662. SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the weekly "SUN" of 16th July, 1984 regarding findings of the National Committee on drug addiction;

(b) whether the Gopalan Committee, which had submitted its report in 1977 had suggested setting up of a National Advisory Board on drug control and other measure to deal with the prevention and control of abuse of drugs, etc.;

(c) whether the recommendations had been implemented by Government;

if not, what are the reasons for delay;

(d) whether delay in non-implementation of the recommendations has worsened the problem of drug abuse in the country;

(e) whether Government had arranged funds for the purpose in the Sixth Five Year Plan; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(f) what other action Government propose to take to tackle the problem?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (MISS KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI): (a) The news item appeared in the 16th June 1984 issue of the "SUN" Weekly and not in the 16th July, 1984 issue.

(b) Yes.

(c) and (d). The action to implement the recommendations had to be initiated by various Ministries of Government of India. Accordingly this Ministry had written to the Ministry of Finance, Home Affairs, Education and Social Welfare, Information and Broadcasting in January, 1978 drawing their attention to the specific paragraphs of the Report for taking necessary action. So far as the action by Ministry of Health is concerned, a new Schedule (Schedule 'X') has been added to the Drugs and Cosmetic Rules for exercising stricter control over the import, manufacture and sale of psychotropic substances. The question as to whether the subject Drug Abuse should be dealt with by the Ministry of Education and Social Welfare or by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is under consideration of the Coordination Committee.

(e) and (f) A lump sum provision of Rs. 45 lakhs was made in the Sixth Five Year Plan. No expenditure has, however been incurred so far on the scheme due to non-approval of the Scheme.

Setting up of a Post-graduate Medical Institute in Calcutta

1663. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government proposed to set up a Post-graduate Medical Institute in Calcutta on the pattern of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, and the Post-graduate Institute, Chandigarh;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be set up?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (MISS KUMUDBEN M. JOSHI): (a) The Government of India have not received any proposal in this regard from the State Government.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

INTRODUCTION OF FAST PASSENGER TRAINS

1664. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways propose to run more fast passenger trains in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the names of the trains proposed to the run; and

(c) by when these are likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) The Railways are always open to suggestions and requests in the matter of running of additional passenger trains subject to availability of coaching stock, locomotives and paths.